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on 7/21/2000 including a specification that is identical to their application Serial No. 08/394,234.

Substitute Specification

This preliminary amendment amends the specification to improve readability and correct typographical and grammatical errors. For the Examiner's convenience, a substitute specification is also attached along with a marked-up copy of the substitute specification showing the matter being added to and deleted from the original specification. Applicants believe that this preliminary amendment contains no new matter, and that the substitute specification thus includes no new matter.

The majority of the proposed specification amendments simply correct typographical and grammatical errors. While applicants have been careful in making these amendments not to inject any new concepts or other "new matter," applicants request the Examiner to carefully review the amendment and raise any "new matter" concerns he may have.

New Claims

The claims have been amended to more particularly point out the invention.

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Information Disclosure Statement

Applicants submit listings from parent application Serial No. 09/001,484 that list all references of record in that case. Applicants request the Examiner to consider each of the listed items in this case. For the Examiner's convenience, applicants are attaching copies of the listed items that are not U.S. patents. Upon request, applicants will submit copies of the listed U.S. patents.

Conclusion

Applicants request an early action on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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